Secretary of State, Bill Bradbury will come to the Tillamook Forest Center on April 19th to speak about issues surrounding global warming. Two presentations will take place, at 11:30 and 1:30, each lasting around an hour. Seating will be limited and on a first-come first-served basis.

Weaving science and imagery, the presentation is modeled after former Vice President Al Gore’s global warming slide-show, which went on to become the best-selling book and award-winning documentary film, “An Inconvenient Truth.” Bill was part of a select group of 50 individuals chosen to receive rigorous technical training by Al Gore and a team of renowned scientists last July in Tennessee. “Bill Bradbury is an outstanding example of the millions of Americans who have been energized by the call to action on the climate crisis,” said Gore. “Bill will be spending the next year making presentations in and around Oregon discussing how individuals and businesses, schools, and other organizations can be a major part of the solution to the growing crisis of global warming.”

Along with the Governor and Treasurer, Bradbury sits on the State Land Board, and he was appointed by Governor Ted Kulongoski to chair the Oregon Sustainability Board. According to Bradbury, the science is clear that global warming is real and humans contribute by burning fossil fuels that produce greenhouse gases. On the positive side, he says that climate change offers opportunities for Oregon to promote renewable energy and, ultimately, become less dependent on foreign oil. Sallie Schullinger-Krause, the Oregon Environmental Council’s Global Warming Program Manager notes that “Bill Bradbury has become Oregon’s leader in global warming outreach. Not only has he tailored his presentation to include the very real effects of climate change on Oregon, but he has developed tools to help his audiences become part of the solution.”

Join us at the Center on April 19th. It will be a great day to explore the forest and to think about the things we can all do to promote healthy forests and a healthy planet for the future.
Awards & Milestones

Winter storms continue to bring heavy rains, strong winds and frequent snows to the Tillamook State Forest. What a winter it’s been! Yet, as we begin to anticipate the coming of spring, I’d like to pause to note a number of awards and milestones we’re celebrating.

The Tillamook Forest Center has received two more awards. One is a “Telly” award which honors the nation’s finest non-broadcast film productions. This award was presented to the Oregon Department of Forestry and North Shore Productions (producers) for our film, Legacy of Fire. We are all proud of our excellent film and continue to receive many compliments on it from visitors. The second award is from the National Association for Interpretation for our Center’s exhibitry. Receiving this national award from the leading interpretive organization in the country is truly an honor. The award is a validation of the excellent work done by AldrichPears (designers), Design Craftsmen (fabricators) and the talented staff members of the Department of Forestry who collaborated to create these excellent displays. Congratulations to all who participated in these award-winning projects!

Center staff celebrated a special milestone on January 12th when we surpassed the 100,000 visitor mark. Staff members at the Center along with many other ODF employees, volunteers and partners have worked extremely hard to make the Center a meaningful and memorable experience for all who come. Many thanks to all who have helped make the program such a big success.

Finally, all of us at the Center look forward to March 31st when we will celebrate the second anniversary of the dedication of our Center. We hope that you will find opportunity to visit in the near future and help us celebrate these special awards and milestones!

Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!

Jim Quiring

Visitor Feedback

Our guest book is filled with many memorable thoughts from our visitors. Look for their quotes throughout the newsletter and at the Center.

You all have done one incredible job with this magnificent place! I am so impressed with the attention to details.

An environmentally friendly building, fascinating exhibits, brilliant movie and wonderful suspension bridge.

You have much to be proud of.

Jim Quiring
Trust Honors Janet McLennan

The Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust held its annual meeting in January, mapping out plans for future friendraising and endowment fundraising activities, and electing officers for the next two years. We also celebrated the contributions and leadership of our outgoing chair (and now Chair Emerita) Janet McLennan. Janet is a founding member of the Trust and as Chair provided 10 years of steady and strategic leadership during the planning and capital fundraising phase of the project. In her honor, the Center’s classroom will now be known as the Janet McLennan Community Room.

During the meeting, retired State Forester Jim Brown was elected as new Trust Chair, and Steve Thomas, former Assistant State Forester, as vice chair. They are joined on the Board of Trustees by Governor Vic Atiyeh; Jerry Eckstein, Treasurer; Jim Fisher, Secretary; Bob Stacey; Barte Starker; Tim Wood; ex officio members Marvin Brown and Steve Hobbs; and by executive director and trustee Doug Decker.

In future issues of the newsletter, we'll provide an update on a new project still in the early planning stages to add both additional space (through an adjacent outdoor program shelter), and some staffing capacity (through a donor-funded interpretation-education specialist) to the Tillamook Forest Center.

Thanks for your continued support!

Our deep appreciation goes to Janet McLennan for her years of leadership and vision leading to the Tillamook Forest Center.

Trust Honors Janet McLennan

Become a Center Supporter

If you’d like to join our ever-growing list of supporters, consider giving a Donor Tree. These gifts (see order form on this page) allow you to “plant your tree” in a unique forest landscape sculpture located in the Center’s entry plaza. In recognition of your $75 gift, your name, or the name of the person you honor or memorialize, will be engraved on a tree medallion which will be set against the forest backdrop created by the sculpture. All donor tree gifts are acknowledged with an attractive certificate.

Many other donation opportunities are available; call us for details. As you make your charitable giving decisions, we invite you to keep the Tillamook Forest Center in mind. Please contact the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust at (503) 359-7474 for more information on various donation opportunities.

Yes! I want to help support the Tillamook Forest Center

Name ____________________________
Address ____________________________
City / State / Zip ________________________
Phone ( ) __________ Email ________________________
Enclosed is $ _______ for _______ tree(s) @$75 per tree
☐ Here is my check
☐ Please charge my Visa/Mastercard
Card # __________________________ Exp _______
Signature __________________________

☐ In Memory of... ☐ In Honor of... ☐ Name Only

Name to appear on tree:
Line One: __________________________
Line Two: __________________________
Line Three: __________________________

The Trust is pleased to recognize donations made as gifts, or to honor or memorialize a special person. Send recognition of this donation to:
Name __________________________
Address __________________________
City / State / Zip ________________________

All gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law. Donor trees are available on a first-come basis. If requesting more than one tree, please make photocopies of this form.
Trail Naming Contest Results!

Thanks to all who entered our contest. The winners have been selected and we are happy to announce that the short trail to the east of the building is now named “Lookout Loop” and the longer trail to the west is “River View Trail.” Congratulations to our winners who will each receive a gift certificate to redeem in our gift shop.

Perfect for kids

A Nature Riddle...

I don’t have lungs or a chest, but I need air!
I am not alive, but I grow; I don’t have a mouth and I’m allergic to water.

What am I?

(answer on page 9)

Naturalist Notes (Denise Berkshire)

11/23/07
- Cedar Creek @ 8 AM, 4 Chinook cruising upstream. One shot up the middle of the creek super fast!
- Fresh beaver chew stream about under the TFC bridge.

12/3/07
- Another flood! 2nd year in a row lost a stairwell; gained 2’ of sediment on the benches, wiped out the new Homestead Trail.

12/28/07 - 12/30/07
- 5” of snow with coyote tracks; elk browsing; water trees in meadow; winter wrens busy hopping in bushes

2/01/08
- First river otters spotted from TFC!!!

Salmon eggs hatch in TFC aquarium

TO DO:
* Watch Chinook salmon in our display
* Acquire FREE fire-resistant plant brochures for Wildfire Awareness Week
* Plan a dog walk for National Trails Day in June
* Scout forest trails for wildflowers
* Plan events for 75th anniversary of THE BURN in August

Western Trillium - Trillium ovatum

1/08 DB

Match Game

Circle the items below that share something in common. (answer on page 9)

Together, what are they?
Upcoming Programs

Join our staff this spring for family-friendly, programs at the Tillamook Forest Center and in the Tillamook State Forest. We are offering a selection of Nature Programs, Guided Hikes, Special Events, a NEW Find Yourself in the Forest Guest Presenter Series and Campground Programs. Be sure to see the back side of this page for more exciting offerings. All events are FREE and open to ALL AGES (unless otherwise noted). Check our website at www.tillamookforestcenter.org for more details.

Nature Programs at the Center

A full description of each program is available on our website at www.tillamookforestcenter.org/calendar. All programs are offered at 11:30 AM and again at 1:30 PM at the Tillamook Forest Center (unless otherwise noted).

March 2008

2nd (Sunday) Slimy Slugs 11:30 AM & 1:30 PM
16th (Sunday) Woodpecker Walk 11:30 AM & 1:30 PM
22nd & 23rd (Sat & Sun) Black Bears 11:30 AM & 1:30 PM
30th (Sunday) Wildflower Walk 11:30 AM & 1:30 PM

April 2008

13th (Sunday) Bird Walk 11:30 AM & 1:30 PM
20th (Sunday) Green by Design: A Behind the Scenes Tour 11:30 AM & 1:30 PM
26th & 27th (Sat & Sun) Wildflower Walk 11:30 AM & 1:30 PM

May 2008

3rd & 4th (Sat & Sun) Fabulous Frogs 11:30 AM & 1:30 PM
10th (Saturday) Lookout Below! History of Fire Towers in the Tillamook State Forest 11:30 AM & 1:30 PM
17th (Saturday) Wildflower Walk 11:30 AM & 1:30 PM
24th & 25th (Sat & Sun) Nature’s Yucky! 11:30 AM & 1:30 PM

Special Events

February 23rd – March 31st Forest Grove High School Art Exhibit ALL DAY
Advanced placement art students from Forest Grove High School spent time in the forest near the Center last fall. Their instructor, Philip Thias, said that through this experience he has seen his students “make genuine connections to the Tillamook State Forest.” Inspired by their surroundings, they created beautiful paintings and drawings that will be on display at the Center. Be sure to come out to see the art created by these talented students.

March 29th Esther Stutzman: Kalapuya Storyteller with Long Canoe 11:30 AM & 1:30 PM
Native American storyteller and history-keeper, Esther Stutzman, will share stories of her native Kalapuya and Coos people. She will also bring a full sized cedar long canoe that was built last year; the first Kalapuya canoe built in more than 150 years. Her presentation will include songs and several additional handmade objects that will provide insight into the native culture that has been a part of Oregon for thousands of years. Please join us for this special program.

While gardeners may not like slugs, they have a special place in the forest; visit on March 2nd to learn about their important role.

Denise Berkshire Photo
Stop by Memorial Day weekend for Nature’s Yucky! You’ll ‘eeew’ and ‘ahhh’ as we discover that nature can be disgusting, but beautiful too.

Find Yourself in the Forest

After a cold stormy winter, the forest begins to spring to life, bringing old floral friends back to greet us. Join us at the Center this spring for an exciting array of programs. We’ll be here to greet you too!
Upcoming Programs (continued)

More Special Events

April 5th – 6th  TFC Anniversary and Arbor Week Celebration  ALL DAY
Help us celebrate the Tillamook Forest Center’s second anniversary and kick off Arbor Week this weekend with a variety of fun, family activities that highlight the magic of trees and our forests. There will be crafts, games and guided walks. Rick Meyers presenting his Pioneer Music Experience on Sunday. You are guaranteed to have a tree-mendous time!

May 4th – 10th  Wildfire Awareness Week  ALL DAY
(closed Mon & Tue)
Will your home survive a wildfire? Do you know what part of your home is most vulnerable to fire? Visit the Tillamook Forest Center for answers to these questions, free information, demonstrations and more during Wildfire Awareness Week in Oregon. On May 4th we will host a one day plant sale showcasing fire-resistant plants, along with annuals, herbs and vegetables. The Oregon Department of Forestry encourages home and property owners to take steps now to increase the fire-resistance of their structures.

May 11th  International Migratory Bird Day  ALL DAY
Bring your mom and binoculars to explore the Tillamook Forest with naturalists in search of secretive birds by sight and sound. Begin the day having breakfast with the birds, followed by a short bird walk. Explore the world of birds by visiting touch tables, making crafts and playing games. There’s something for everyone!

Find Yourself in the Forest Guest Presenter Series

This new series debuts in March and will run through October. The presentations are FREE, appropriate for adult audiences and offered once a month.

March 9th  ODF Urban Forest Coordinator, Paul Ries  2:00 PM
The Trees that Tie Us to Our Historical Roots

April 19th  Secretary of State, Bill Bradbury  11:30 AM & 1:30 PM
Global Warming and the Impact on Oregon

May 18th  ODF Protection Unit Forester, Malcolm Hiatt  2:00 PM
Wildfire and You

Guided Hikes

Our guided hikes are offered one Saturday each month at various locations in the Tillamook State Forest. Registration is required. Please call (866) 930-4646 or register online at www.tillamookforestcenter.org to reserve your place. Wear sturdy hiking boots, dress in layers, bring water and a lunch or snack. Optional equipment: rain gear, binoculars, camera and field guides. Families are always welcome!

March 15th  Storey Burn Trail Guided Hike (3.0 miles)  11:30 AM
April 12th  Peninsula Trail Guided Hike (1.0 mile)  11:30 AM
May 10th  Wilson River Trail Guided Hike (3.5 miles)  11:30 AM

Campground Programs

Campground programs are geared for campers and the general public and are offered at select campgrounds in the Tillamook State Forest.

May 24th  Cougars: Our Secretive Neighbors  7:00 PM at Browns Camp
The Tillamook Forest – At Your Leisure

Chris Friend

December Storm Damages Recreation Facilities

Just when you think our weather on the forest couldn’t be any more spectacular, we experienced another multiple storm event on December 2nd and 3rd. This one slammed the coast and Coast Range causing considerable damage to surrounding communities and forest resources, including our recreational facilities.

The winds during the storm, clocked at 129 mph at Bay City, uprooted trees and in some areas snapped them off leaving jagged stumps standing 20 feet in the air. Then the heavy rains pushed rivers out of their banks causing flood damage to roads, trails, campgrounds and day use areas.

Gales Creek transformed into a raging torrent, washing away one campsite and damaging two others at the Gales Creek Campground. Farther up the canyon, about two miles of the Gales Creek Trail was damaged or lost. Elk Creek Campground lost two campsites, while the Jones Creek Day Use Area, along the Wilson River, encountered flood damage for the second year in a row. The Wilson River Trail, between Cedar Butte Road and Cedar Creek Road sustained a number of slides and slumps, but remains open with a warning to visitors to use caution while traveling this section of trail. Meanwhile, Nehalem Falls Campground was spared with only minor damage from uprooted trees.

Here at the Tillamook Forest Center, the Wilson River rose higher than the November 2006 flood. A staircase leading to the river from our trail system was damaged and a couple of trailside benches were half buried with river silt. Riverside trails connecting the Center with Smith Homestead and Jones Creek Campground were washed out; however South Fork Inmate Camp crews have already re-opened one of the trails.

The storm effects are not all bad. For example, storm events that deposit debris into stream channels provide future benefits for fish habitat; serving as a reminder that the forest is always changing. The ODF recreation program is carefully planning the best way to repair or replace campsites and trails that were damaged or lost, which may also provide some enhanced opportunities. Please visit www.oregon.gov/ODF/TSF/Recreation.shtml for trail and facility updates.

Special Program: Native American Storyteller & Cedar Canoe

The Tillamook Forest Center is pleased to welcome Native American storyteller and history-keeper Esther Stutzman to the Center on March 29th for a day of storytelling and cultural sharing.

Esther’s heritage is connected to the Coos and Komemma Kalapuya people of western Oregon. The Kalapuya people lived in the Willamette Valley from the Clackamas River near Oregon City, through the valleys to the Umpqua River near Roseburg, and between the Coast Range to the west and the Cascades to the east. She is an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz.

Esther tells only Coos and Kalapuya stories, including stories of creation and of the time when animals and people could talk together. Through storytelling and sharing of traditional handmade items, Esther offers insight into her native culture. She introduces some stories with songs and shares the importance of music that is linked with storytelling. Her presentations include reference to her concern for the environment and the inability of many native tribes to use traditional foods.

Please plan to join us at the Center for this special program made possible by the support of the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust.
Site Hosts Finding Themselves Back in the Forest

Gail Barnhart

Like the salmon returning to the rivers they came from, so do our summer site hosts return to the Tillamook Forest Center. This year we have the pleasure of seeing Barbi and Larry Lux; Jim and Margaret Peterson; and Cliff and Sharron Ebert returning for another summer. We will also have Ron and Janet Goodbrand coming in for their first year here. They hosted at the Jones Creek Campground in 2007 and knew coming to the Center would be another great experience to add to their travels.

We also want to acknowledge our other volunteers Clyde Monroe, Harold and Pearl Jensen, and Marge and Scott Hayes. We especially want to mention Jim Reeher with his pocket full of candy bringing his own sunshine with him. They all have volunteered at the Center, come sun, rain, flood, high winds and snow.

The volunteers bring to the Center a wealth of knowledge and expertise that is, without question, beyond price. We appreciate the time volunteers give to us and the friendships they offer. We treasure their summer memories during the winter months.

So stop by, telephone or email us and fill out a volunteer application, come - plant yourself at the Tillamook Forest Center and spring to life.

Volunteer Opportunities

Are you looking for a rewarding way to share your love of forests? Did you contribute to the Tillamook Burn in any way? Are you a retired forester? Do you have a special skill or interest? If so, have you considered volunteering at the Tillamook Forest Center?

There are two types of volunteer opportunities:

1. A Day Volunteer works a flexible schedule and may use Center transportation from the Forest Grove or Tillamook areas.
2. An On-Site Host Volunteer lives in their own RV at a full-hookup facility on the Center grounds. Space is available now. Call (866) 930-4646 to volunteer for one week or more.

Volunteer Positions

A few of the exciting opportunities at the TFC include:

- Leading school groups through our state-of-the-art exhibits and trails
- Giving nature presentations about salmon, homesteading, forestry and more
- Helping answer questions about the local area, forests and history at our gift shop/reception desk
- Maintaining the beautiful building and native landscaping
- Serving as a local historian including capturing, cataloging and archiving historic materials

If you are interested in joining our team, please contact us for a Tillamook Forest Center volunteer application.
New Items Springing up in the Center’s Gift Shop
Melyssa Graeper

Spring is here and so are new items in the Gift Shop! We are continually searching for, and adding to the local, unique, high quality items for sale in our shop. If it has been a while since you visited the Tillamook Forest Center, now is a great time to check us out again.

Recently added items in the Gift Shop include:

- Postcards! You’ve asked and we’ve answered. We now have a great assortment of cards that feature both the Tillamook Forest Center and the Tillamook State Forest!
- Beautiful Tillamook State Forest wildflower note card sets by local and award winning water color artist, Sharon Freeman.
- The 2nd edition of *Tillamook Burn Country: A Pictorial History* by Ellis Lucia. This fantastic picture book depicting the Tillamook Burn has been updated and reprinted by the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust.
- Hugh Hayes artwork-inspired items; hooded sweatshirts, t-shirts, posters, postcards, mugs and magnets. Even though his artwork exhibition has ended, you can still take a piece home for yourself.

And, as always, we continue to carry some of our most popular items like forest-related jewelry, field guides and children’s books, and of course, our Tillamook Forest Center chocolate bars! Find yourself in the forest, and while you’re at it, you may discover something in our gift shop you can’t live without.

A New Season of Exploration Begins
M.E. Balfe

Throughout history, the Tillamook State Forest has instilled a sense of wonder in children. Kids have always had a connection with this forest, playing amongst the towering trees, watching the smoke billow into the sky as the forest burned, and lending a hand planting the forest we know today. Throughout time they have seen the forest as a resource that gives us products we use every day, provides homes and food for wildlife and offers a place for fun and exploration.

This summer local youth (students entering 5th and 6th grades) will be able to journey into the Tillamook State Forest making connections of their own. They will learn about forest history, take a closer look at ecology, and hike, swim and sleep under the forest canopy.

We hope your child can join us this summer for our Discovery Camp where we continue to honor the explorers of the past and learn more about our current management of the forest.

If you live in the Tillamook area, camp dates are July 14th – 18th. If you live in the Forest Grove area, camp is hosted July 28th – August 1st. Campers meet at either the Tillamook or Forest Grove ODF office and are shuttled to the Center each day.
Mark Your Calendar (see inside for complete program calendar)

Spring hours:
Wednesday - Sunday
10 AM - 4 PM

Summer hours begin May 23rd:
7 days a week
10 AM - 5 PM

www.tillamookforestcenter.org
(866) 930-4646

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The Tillamook Forest Center is located on the Wilson River Highway (Hwy. 6) in the heart of the Tillamook State Forest, near Jones Creek. It’s an hour’s drive west of downtown Portland. RV parking is available.

To save paper and costs, consider receiving this newsletter by email in the future. Contact us at tfcnewsletter@odf.state.or.us to sign up.

Special Events

High School Art Exhibit
All day, February 23rd – March 31st

Kalapuya Storyteller with Long Canoe
11:30 & 1:30, March 29th

Arbor Week Celebration
All day, April 5th – 6th

Wildfire Awareness Week
All day, May 4th – 10th

International Migratory Bird Day
All day, May 11th

Guest Presentations

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